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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Interstate 90 Land  
5 Exchange Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

7 (a) ~~FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—~~

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2           central and southwest Washington are intermingled  
3           with National Forest System land owned by the  
4           United States and administered by the Secretary of  
5           Agriculture as parts of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie  
6           National Forest, Wenatchee National Forest, and  
7           Gifford Pinchot National Forest;

8           (2) the private land is owned by the Plum  
9           Creek Timber Company, L.P. in an intermingled  
10          checkerboard pattern, with the United States or  
11          Plum Creek owning alternate square mile sections of  
12          land or fractions of square mile sections;

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14          the area has frustrated sound and efficient land  
15          management on both private land and national for-  
16          est land by complicating fish and wildlife habitat  
17          management, watershed protection, recreation use,  
18          road construction and timber harvest, boundary ad-  
19          ministration, and protection and management of  
20          threatened and endangered species and old growth  
21          forest habitat;

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23          parcels of land that have been offered by Plum  
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2       public objectives, including—

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4               ics, and recreation opportunities within or near  
5               areas of very heavy public recreational use, in-  
6               cluding—

7                       (i) the Alpine Lakes Wilderness Area;

8                       (ii) the Pacific Crest Trail;

9                       (iii) Snoqualmie Pass;

10                      (iv) Cle Elum Lake, Kachess Lake,

11                      and Keechulus Lake; and

12                      (v) other popular recreation areas

13                      along the Interstate 90 corridor east of the

14                      Seattle-Tacoma metropolitan area;

15               (B) protection and enhancement of old  
16               growth forests and habitat for threatened, en-  
17               dangered, and sensitive species, including a net  
18               gain of approximately 22,000 acres of critical  
19               habitat for the northern spotted owl;

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21               ings for more efficient administration and to  
22               meet a broad array of ecosystem protection and  
23               other public land management goals, including  
24               net public gains of approximately 173 miles of  
25               stream ownership, 14 miles of the route of the

1 Pacific Crest Trail, 12,800 acres of unroaded  
2 land, and 4,000 acres of riparian land; and

3 ~~(D)~~ a significant reduction in administra-  
4 tive costs to the United States through—

5 (i) consolidation of Federal land hold-  
6 ings for more efficient land management  
7 and planning;

8 (ii) elimination of approximately 300  
9 miles of boundary identification and post-  
10 ing;

11 (iii) reduced right-of-way, special use,  
12 and other permit processing and issuance  
13 for roads and other facilities on National  
14 Forest System land; and

15 (iv) other administrative cost savings;

16 ~~(5)~~ Plum Creek has selected certain parcels of  
17 National Forest System land that are logical for  
18 consolidation into Plum Creek ownership via a land  
19 exchange because the parcels—

20 ~~(A)~~ are intermingled with parcels owned by  
21 Plum Creek; and

22 ~~(B)~~(i) are generally located in less environ-  
23 mentally sensitive areas than the Plum Creek  
24 offered land; and

1           (ii) have lower public recreation and other  
2           public values than the Plum Creek offered land;  
3           (6) time is of the essence in consummating a  
4           land exchange because delays may force Plum Creek  
5           to road or log the offered land and thereby diminish  
6           the public values for which the offered land is to be  
7           acquired; and

8           (7) it is in the public interest to complete the  
9           land exchange at the earliest practicable date so that  
10          the offered land can be acquired and preserved by  
11          the United States for permanent public manage-  
12          ment, use, and enjoyment.

13          (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to further  
14          the public interest by authorizing, directing, facilitating,  
15          and expediting the consummation of the Interstate 90  
16          land exchange so as to ensure that the offered land is ex-  
17          peditionously acquired for permanent public use and enjoy-  
18          ment.

19          **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

20          In this Act:

21               (1) OFFERED LAND.—The term “offered land”  
22               means the land described in section 4(b) to be con-  
23               veyed into the public ownership of the United States  
24               under this Act.

1           (2) PLUM CREEK.—The term “Plum Creek”  
2 means the Plum Creek Timber Company, L.P., a  
3 Delaware Limited Partnership, or its successors,  
4 heirs, or assigns.

5           (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
6 the Secretary of Agriculture.

7           (4) SELECTED LAND.—The term “selected  
8 land” means the land described in section 4(e) to be  
9 conveyed into the private ownership of Plum Creek  
10 under this Act.

11 **SEC. 4. LAND EXCHANGE.**

12       (a) CONDITION.—The exchange directed by this sec-  
13 tion shall be consummated if, not later than 180 days  
14 after the date of enactment of this Act, Plum Creek offers  
15 to transfer to the United States the offered land.

16       (b) CONVEYANCE OF OFFERED LAND BY PLUM  
17 CREEK.—In accordance with this Act, Plum Creek shall  
18 convey to the United States by deed acceptable to the Sec-  
19 retary all right, title, and interest of Plum Creek in and  
20 to the following offered land:

21           (1) Certain land comprising approximately  
22 6,460 acres and located within the exterior bound-  
23 aries of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest,  
24 Washington, as generally depicted on a map entitled  
25 “Interstate 90 Land Exchange”, dated April 1998.

1           (2) Certain land comprising approximately  
2           53,530 acres and located within or adjacent to the  
3           exterior boundaries of the Wenatchee National For-  
4           est, Washington, as generally depicted on a map en-  
5           titled "Interstate 90 Land Exchange", dated April  
6           1998.

7           (3) Certain land comprising approximately 400  
8           acres and located within the exterior boundaries of  
9           the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Washington, as  
10          generally depicted on a map entitled "Interstate 90  
11          Land Exchange", dated April 1998.

12          (c) CONVEYANCE OF SELECTED LAND BY THE  
13          UNITED STATES.—On receipt of title to the offered land,  
14          the Secretary shall simultaneously convey to Plum Creek  
15          all right, title and interest of the United States, subject  
16          to valid existing rights, in and to the following selected  
17          land:

18               (1) Certain land administered, as of the date of  
19               enactment of this Act, by the Secretary of Agri-  
20               culture as part of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Na-  
21               tional Forest, Washington, and comprising approxi-  
22               mately 12,305 acres, as generally depicted on a map  
23               entitled "Interstate 90 Land Exchange", dated April  
24               1998.

1           (2) Certain land administered, as of the date of  
 2           enactment of this Act, by the Secretary of Agri-  
 3           culture as part of the Wenatchee National Forest,  
 4           Washington, and comprising approximately 14,665  
 5           acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled  
 6           “Interstate 90 Land Exchange”, dated April 1998.

7           (3) Certain land administered, as of the date of  
 8           enactment of this Act, by the Secretary of Agri-  
 9           culture as part of the Gifford Pinchot National For-  
 10          est, Washington, and comprising approximately  
 11          13,520 acres, as generally depicted on a map enti-  
 12          tled “Interstate 90 Land Exchange”, dated April  
 13          1998.

14 **SEC. 5. EXCHANGE VALUATION, APPRAISALS, AND EQUALI-**  
 15 **ZATION.**

16 (a) **EQUAL VALUE EXCHANGE.—**

17           (1) **IN GENERAL.—**The values of the offered  
 18           land and selected land—

19                   (A) shall be equal; or

20                   (B) if the values are not equal, shall be  
 21           equalized in accordance with subsection (c).

22           (2) **APPRAISALS.—**The values of the offered  
 23           land and selected land shall be determined by ap-  
 24           praisals using nationally recognized appraisal stand-  
 25           ards, including, to the extent appropriate, the Uni-

1 form Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisi-  
2 tions (1992), the Uniform Standards of Professional  
3 Appraisal Practice, and section 206(d) of the Fed-  
4 eral Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43  
5 U.S.C. 1716(d)).

6 ~~(3) APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.~~—The ap-  
7 praisals, if not completed by the date of enactment  
8 of this Act, shall be completed and submitted to the  
9 Secretary for approval not later than 90 days after  
10 the date of enactment of this Act.

11 ~~(4) RESOLUTION OF DISAGREEMENT.~~—If the  
12 Secretary and Plum Creek are unable to agree on  
13 the appraised value of a parcel of land, the appraisal  
14 or the appraisal issue in dispute shall be resolved in  
15 accordance with section 206(d) of the Federal Land  
16 Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.  
17 1716(d)).

18 ~~(b) APPRAISAL ASSUMPTION.~~—

19 ~~(1) FINDINGS.~~—Congress finds that—

20 ~~(A)~~ many of the parcels of offered land  
21 and selected land are located in areas that have  
22 been or may be designated as critical habitat  
23 for species determined to be threatened or en-  
24 dangered under the Endangered Species Act of  
25 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.); and

1           (B) such a designation can make tradi-  
2           tional appraisals of land difficult absent specific  
3           guidance from Congress due to present and fu-  
4           ture uncertainties relating to the duration,  
5           scope, and nature of restrictions that may be  
6           imposed on the offered land or selected land as  
7           a result of such a designation with respect to  
8           future timber harvest and other development  
9           activities.

10          (2) APPRAISAL AT HIGHEST AND BEST USE  
11          VALUE.—In order to ensure the equitable and uni-  
12          form appraisal of both the offered and selected lands  
13          directed for exchange by this Act, all appraisals  
14          under subsection (a) shall determine the highest and  
15          best use of the offered land and selected land in ac-  
16          cordance with applicable provisions of the Washing-  
17          ton State Forest Practices Act, including alternative  
18          measures for protecting critical habitat under Wash-  
19          ington Administrative Code ~~222-16-080-(6)~~.

20          (c) APPRAISAL PERIOD.—After the final appraised  
21          values of the offered land and selected land or any portion  
22          of the land has been approved by the Secretary or other-  
23          wise determined under section 206(d) of the Federal Land  
24          Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1716(d)), the  
25          value shall not be reappraised or updated before con-

1 summation of the land exchange under section 4, except  
 2 for any adjustments in value as may be required under  
 3 subsection (d).

4 (d) INTERIM TIMBER HARVEST.—The fair market  
 5 value of any timber harvested on the offered land or se-  
 6 lected land (as determined by the appraisal required under  
 7 subsection (a)) shall be deducted from the final approved  
 8 appraised value of the land for purposes of value equali-  
 9 zation under subsection (a).

10 (e) EQUALIZATION IF SURPLUS OF OFFERED  
 11 LAND.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—If the final appraised value  
 13 of the offered land exceeds the final appraised value  
 14 of the selected land—

15 (A) the Secretary shall make a cash equali-  
 16 zation payment to Plum Creek subject to the 25  
 17 percent limitation under section 206(b) of the  
 18 Federal Land Policy and Management Act of  
 19 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716(d)); or

20 (B) if the Secretary does not have suffi-  
 21 cient funds available to make the required cash  
 22 equalization payment, Plum Creek shall delete  
 23 offered land from the exchange in the order  
 24 stated in paragraph (2) until the values are ap-  
 25 proximately equal.

1           (2) ORDER OF DELETION.—Deletions under  
2 paragraph (1) shall be made in the following order:

3           (A) Township \_\_\_\_ North, Range \_\_\_\_  
4 East, Section \_\_\_\_; Willamette Meridian.

5           (B) Township \_\_\_\_ North, Range \_\_\_\_  
6 East, Section \_\_\_\_; Willamette Meridian.

7           (C) Township \_\_\_\_ North, Range \_\_\_\_  
8 East, Section \_\_\_\_; Willamette Meridian.

9           (D) Township \_\_\_\_ North, Range \_\_\_\_  
10 East, Section \_\_\_\_; Willamette Meridian.

11       (f) EQUALIZATION IF SURPLUS OF SELECTED  
12 LAND.—

13           (1) IN GENERAL.—If the final appraised value  
14 of the selected land exceeds the final appraised value  
15 of the offered land—

16           (A) the Secretary shall delete selected land  
17 from the exchange in the order stated in para-  
18 graph (2) until the values are approximately  
19 equal; or

20           (B) at the election of Plum Creek, Plum  
21 Creek shall receive conveyance of the land that  
22 the Secretary proposes to delete under subpara-  
23 graph (A) and equalize the exchange values by  
24 making a cash equalization payment to the  
25 United States, subject to the 25 percent limita-

1           tion of section 206(b) under the Federal Land  
2           Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.  
3           1716(d)).

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7           East, Section \_\_\_\_; Willamette Meridian.

8           (B) Township \_\_\_\_ North, Range \_\_\_\_  
9           East, Section \_\_\_\_; Willamette Meridian.

10          (C) Township \_\_\_\_ North, Range \_\_\_\_  
11          East, Section \_\_\_\_; Willamette Meridian.

12          (g) USE OF PROCEEDS BY THE SECRETARY.—The  
13          amount of any cash equalization payment received by the  
14          Secretary under this section shall be retained by the Sec-  
15          retary and may be used by the Secretary to purchase land  
16          from willing sellers in the State of Washington for addi-  
17          tion to the National Forest System.

18          **SEC. 6. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

19          (a) STATUS OF LAND AFTER EXCHANGE.—

20          (1) LAND ACQUIRED BY THE SECRETARY.—

21          (A) IN GENERAL.—Land acquired by the  
22          Secretary under this Act shall become part of  
23          the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie Forest, Wenatchee  
24          Forest, or Gifford Pinchot National Forests, as  
25          determined by the Secretary.

1           (B) MODIFICATION OF BOUNDARIES.—If  
2 any land acquired by the Secretary lies outside  
3 the exterior boundaries of the national forests  
4 identified in subparagraph (A), the Secretary  
5 shall modify the boundaries of the appropriate  
6 forest to include the land.

7           (C) MANAGEMENT.—Land acquired by the  
8 Secretary under this Act shall be managed in  
9 accordance with the Act of March 1, 1911  
10 (commonly known as the “Weeks Law”), and  
11 with the other laws (including regulations) ap-  
12 plicable to the National Forest System.

13           (2) LAND ACQUIRED BY PLUM CREEK.—Land  
14 acquired by Plum Creek under this Act shall become  
15 private land for all purposes of law, unless the pat-  
16 ent by which conveyance is made to Plum Creek con-  
17 tains a specific reservation.

18           (b) ACCESS TO LAND ACQUIRED BY PLUM CREEK.—

19           (1) PARCELS TO WHICH EXISTING ACCESS IS  
20 ADEQUATE.—

21           (A) FINDING.—Except with respect to par-  
22 cels of land described in paragraph (2), Con-  
23 gress finds that Plum Creek will have adequate  
24 post-exchange access to the selected land over

1 existing primary, secondary, or other national  
2 forest routes or over existing Plum Creek roads.

3 ~~(B) ROAD CLOSING.~~—If the Secretary de-  
4 termines to close any such existing national for-  
5 est road to general public use, the Secretary  
6 shall, if requested by Plum Creek—

7 (i) keep the road open for use by  
8 Plum Creek; or

9 (ii) if the road is closed, shall, before  
10 the road is closed, provide Plum Creek  
11 with an alternative access road that is ac-  
12 ceptable to Plum Creek.

13 ~~(2) PARCELS NEEDING ADDITIONAL ACCESS.~~—

14 ~~(A) FINDING.~~—Congress finds that with  
15 respect to the following parcels of selected land,  
16 the Secretary should grant post-exchange road  
17 access to Plum Creek through the following ad-  
18 jacent or nearby identified parcels of National  
19 Forest System land that will remain in Federal  
20 ownership:

21 (i) ~~SELECTED LAND SECTION.~~—

22 T\_\_\_N, R\_\_\_E, Sec. \_\_\_\_, Willamette  
23 Meridian.

1 (ii) ADJACENT OR NEARBY NFS SEC-  
2 TION.—T\_\_\_\_N, R\_\_\_\_E, Sec. \_\_\_\_; Wil-  
3 lamette Meridian.

4 (B) EASEMENT.—Simultaneously with the  
5 conveyance of the land sections described in  
6 subparagraph (A)(i) to Plum Creek, the Sec-  
7 retary shall, without consideration, grant Plum  
8 Creek a permanent road access easement and  
9 preapproved road route through the adjacent or  
10 nearby National Forest System land section or  
11 sections described in subparagraph (A)(ii).

12 (C) EFFECT ON APPRAISALS.—For pur-  
13 poses of the appraisals under section 5, the se-  
14 lected land sections described in subparagraph  
15 (A)(i) shall be appraised as having available,  
16 but unbuilt, road access.

17 (D) CONSTRUCTION STANDARD.—Unless  
18 the Secretary requests otherwise or Plum Creek  
19 uses its adjacent lands for other than commer-  
20 cial timber purposes, roads constructed by  
21 Plum Creek on easements granted under this  
22 subsection—

23 (i) shall be built to a minimum stand-  
24 ard necessary to accommodate ingress and  
25 egress for purposes of commercial timber

1 harvest on the adjacent Plum Creek lands;

2 and

3 (ii) shall be closed to public use.

4 (c) ACCESS TO LAND ACQUIRED BY UNITED  
5 STATES.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Simultaneously with the  
7 transfer of the offered land to the United States,  
8 Plum Creek shall grant the United States, without  
9 consideration, such permanent easements as may be  
10 necessary to secure to the United States access for  
11 reasonable public use and enjoyment of the offered  
12 lands acquired by the United States.

13 (2) LOCATION.—Unless the Secretary and Plum  
14 Creek agree otherwise, an easement under this sec-  
15 tion shall be located to the extent practicable along  
16 roads that are in existence as of the date of enact-  
17 ment of this Act.

18 (d) TIMING.—It is the intent of Congress that the  
19 land exchange under this Act be consummated not later  
20 than 120 days after the date on which Plum Creek makes  
21 the Secretary an offer to exchange under section 3(a), un-  
22 less the Secretary and Plum Creek agree to extend the  
23 consummation date.

24 (e) WITHDRAWAL OF SELECTED LAND.—

1           (1) ~~IN GENERAL.~~—Effective until the date de-  
 2           scribed in paragraph (2), Congress withdraws from  
 3           all forms of entry and appropriation under the pub-  
 4           lic land laws (including the mining laws) any parcel  
 5           of selected land—

6                   (A) with respect to which such a with-  
 7           drawal by the Secretary of the Interior has not  
 8           been made before the date of enactment of this  
 9           Act; or

10                   (B) with respect to which such a with-  
 11          drawal that the Secretary of the Interior has  
 12          made expires before the date described in para-  
 13          graph (2).

14           (2) ~~DATE DESCRIBED.~~—With respect to any  
 15          parcel of land described in paragraph (1), the date  
 16          described in this paragraph is the date on which—

17                   (A) the parcel is deleted from the exchange  
 18           under section 4(d) or 5(b)(2); or

19                   (B) the land exchange under this Act is  
 20           consummated.

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17           *National Forest system land that are logical for con-*  
18           *solidation into Plum Creek ownership utilizing a*  
19           *land exchange because the parcels—*

20                           *(A) are intermingled with parcels owned by*  
21                           *Plum Creek; and*

22                           *(B)(i) are generally located in less environ-*  
23                           *mentally sensitive areas than the Plum Creek of-*  
24                           *fered land; and*

1                   (ii) have lower public recreation and other  
2                   public values than the Plum Creek offered land;

3                   (6) time is of the essence in consummating a  
4                   land exchange because delays may force Plum Creek  
5                   to road or log the offered land and thereby diminish  
6                   the public values for which the offered land is to be  
7                   acquired; and

8                   (7) it is in the public interest to complete the  
9                   land exchange at the earliest practicable date so that  
10                  the offered land can be acquired and preserved by the  
11                  United States for permanent public management, use,  
12                  and enjoyment.

13               (b) *PURPOSE.*—It is the purpose of this Act to further  
14               the public interest by authorizing, directing, facilitating,  
15               and expediting the consummation of the Interstate 90 land  
16               exchange so as to insure that the offered land is expedi-  
17               tiously acquired for permanent public use and enjoyment.

18 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

19               *In this Act:*

20               (1) *OFFERED LAND.*—The term “offered land”  
21               means all right, title and interest in land described  
22               in section 4(b) to be conveyed into the public owner-  
23               ship of the United States under this Act.

24               (2) *PLUM CREEK.*—The term “Plum Creek”  
25               means Plum Creek Timber Company, L.P., a Dela-

1        *ware Limited Partnership, or its successors, heirs, or*  
2        *assigns.*

3            (3) *SECRETARY.*—*The term “Secretary” means*  
4        *the Secretary of Agriculture.*

5            (4) *SELECTED LAND.*—*The term “selected land”*  
6        *means all right, title and interest in land described*  
7        *in section 4(c) to be conveyed into the private owner-*  
8        *ship of Plum Creek under this Act.*

9        **SEC. 4. LAND EXCHANGE.**

10        (a) *CONDITION AND CONVEYANCE OF OFFERED*  
11        *LAND.*—*The exchange directed by this section shall be con-*  
12        *summated if, not later than 270 days after the date of enact-*  
13        *ment of this Act, Plum Creek conveys acceptable title to the*  
14        *Secretary in and to the following offered land:*

15            (1) *Certain land comprising approximately*  
16        *8,340 acres and located within the exterior boundaries*  
17        *of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Wash-*  
18        *ington, as generally depicted on a map entitled*  
19        *“Interstate 90 Land Exchange”, dated September,*  
20        *1998.*

21            (2) *Certain land comprising approximately*  
22        *53,576 acres and located within or adjacent to the ex-*  
23        *terior boundaries of the Wenatchee National Forest,*  
24        *Washington, as generally depicted on a map entitled*

1       *“Interstate 90 Land Exchange”, dated September,*  
2       *1998.*

3       **(b) CONVEYANCE OF SELECTED LAND BY THE UNITED**  
4       **STATES.**—*Upon receipt of acceptable title to the offered*  
5       *land, the Secretary shall simultaneously convey to Plum*  
6       *Creek all right, title and interest of the United States, sub-*  
7       *ject to valid existing rights, in and to the following selected*  
8       *land:*

9               (1) *Certain land administered, as of the date of*  
10       *enactment of this Act, by the Secretary of Agriculture*  
11       *as part of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest,*  
12       *Washington, and comprising approximately 6,137*  
13       *acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled “Inter-*  
14       *state 90 Land Exchange”, date September, 1998.*

15              (2) *Certain land administered, as of the date of*  
16       *enactment of this Act, by the Secretary of Agriculture*  
17       *as part of the Wenatchee National Forest, Washing-*  
18       *ton, and comprising approximately 5,197 acres, as*  
19       *generally depicted on a map entitled “Interstate 90*  
20       *Land Exchange”, dated September, 1998.*

21              (3) *Certain land administered, as of the date of*  
22       *enactment of this act, by the Secretary of Agriculture*  
23       *as part of the Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Wash-*  
24       *ington, and comprising approximately 5,601 acres, as*



1 *ever, That all timber activities cease no later than*  
2 *November 30, 1998.*

3 *(b) APPRAISAL ASSUMPTION.—*

4 *(1) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—*

5 *(A) many of the parcels of offered land and*  
6 *selected land are located within areas that have*  
7 *been or may be designed as critical habitat for*  
8 *species determined to be threatened or endan-*  
9 *gered under the Endangered Species Act of 1973*  
10 *(16 U.S.C. 1531 et. seq.); and*

11 *(B) such a designation can make tradi-*  
12 *tional appraisals of land difficult absent specific*  
13 *guidance from Congress due to present and fu-*  
14 *ture uncertainties relating to the duration, scope*  
15 *and nature of restrictions that may be imposed*  
16 *on the offered or selected land as a result of such*  
17 *designation with respect to future timber harvest*  
18 *and other development activities.*

19 *(2) APPRAISAL AT HIGHEST AND BEST USE*  
20 *VALUE.—In order to ensure the equitable and uniform*  
21 *appraisal of both the offered and selected lands di-*  
22 *rected for exchange by this Act, all appraisals under*  
23 *subsection (a) shall determine the highest and best use*  
24 *of the offered and selected land. The appraisal of the*  
25 *timber estate shall be in accordance with applicable*

1        *provisions of the Washington State Forest Practices*  
2        *Act and rules and regulations thereunder, including*  
3        *alternative measures for protecting critical habitat*  
4        *pursuant to a habitat conservation plan as provided*  
5        *in Washington Administrative Code 222-16-080-(6).*

6        *(c) APPRAISAL PERIOD.—After the final appraised*  
7        *values of the offered and selected lands, or any portion of*  
8        *the land, has been approved by the Secretary or otherwise*  
9        *determined under Section 206(d) of the Federal Land Pol-*  
10       *icy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1716(d)), the value*  
11       *shall not be reappraised or updated before consummation*  
12       *of the land exchange, except for any adjustments under sub-*  
13       *section 6(g).*

14       *(d) EQUALIZATION IF SURPLUS OF OFFERED LAND.—*

15            *(1) IN GENERAL.—If the final appraised value of*  
16        *the offered land exceeds the final appraised value of*  
17        *the selected land, Plum Creek shall delete offered land*  
18        *parcels from the exchange in the exact order each land*  
19        *Section (or offered portion thereof) is listed in para-*  
20        *graph (2) until the values are approximately equal.*

21            *(2) ORDER OF DELETION.—Offered land dele-*  
22        *tions under paragraph (1) shall be made in the fol-*  
23        *lowing order:*

24                    *(A) Township 22 North, Range 13 East,*  
25                    *Section 31, Willamette Meridian.*

1                   (B) Township 21 North, Range 11 East,  
2                   Section 35.

3                   (C) Township 19 North, Range 11 East,  
4                   Section 35.

5                   (D) Township 19 North, Range 12 East,  
6                   Section 1.

7                   (E) Township 20 North, Range 11 East,  
8                   Sections 1 and 13.

9                   (F) Township 19 North, Range 12 East,  
10                  Section 15.

11                  (G) Township 20 North, Range 11 East,  
12                  Section 11.

13                  (H) Township 21 North, Range 11 East,  
14                  Section 27.

15                  (I) Township 19 North, Range 13 East,  
16                  Sections 27 and 15.

17                  (J) Township 21 North, Range 11 East,  
18                  Sections 21 and 25.

19                  (K) Township 19 North, Range 11 East,  
20                  Section 23.

21                  (L) Township 19 North, Range 13 East,  
22                  Sections 21, 9, and 35.

23                  (M) Township 20 North, Range 12 East,  
24                  Sections 35 and 27.

1                   (N) Township 19 North, Range 12 East,  
2                   Section 11.

3                   (O) Township 21 North, Range 11 East,  
4                   Section 17.

5           (e) *EQUALIZATION IF SURPLUS OF SELECTED*  
6 *LAND.*—

7                   (1) *IN GENERAL.*—If the final appraised value of  
8                   the selected land exceeds the final appraised value of  
9                   the offered land the Secretary shall delete selected land  
10                  parcels from the exchange in the exact order each land  
11                  Section (or selected portion thereof) is listed in para-  
12                  graph (2) until the values are approximately equal.

13                  (2) *ORDER OF DELETION.*—Selected land dele-  
14                  tions under paragraph 1 shall be made in the follow-  
15                  ing listed order:

16                         (A) Township 21 North, Range 14 East,  
17                         Sections 28, 22, 36, 26, and 16, Willamette Me-  
18                         ridian.

19                         (B) Township 18 North, Range 15 East,  
20                         Sections 13, 12, and 2.

21                         (C) Township 18 North, Range 15 East,  
22                         Section 1.

23                         (D) Township 18 North, Range 15 East,  
24                         Section 17.

1                   (E) Township 20 North, Range 11 East,  
2                   Section 30.

3                   (F) Township 19 North, Range 11 East,  
4                   Section 6.

5                   (G) Township 20 North, Range 11 East,  
6                   Section 32.

7           (f) Once the values of the offered and selected lands  
8 are equalized to the maximum extent practicable under sub-  
9 sections (d) or (e), any balance due the Secretary or Plum  
10 Creek shall be made through cash equalization payments  
11 under subsection 206(b) of the Federal Land Policy and  
12 Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716(b)).

13           (g) *USE OF PROCEEDS BY THE SECRETARY.*—The  
14 amount of any cash equalization payment received by the  
15 Secretary under this Section shall be retained by the Sec-  
16 retary and shall be used by the Secretary until fully ex-  
17 pended to purchase land from willing sellers in the State  
18 of Washington for addition to the National Forest System.

19 **SEC. 6. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.**

20           (a) *STATUS OF LANDS AFTER EXCHANGE.*—

21                   (1) *LAND ACQUIRED BY THE SECRETARY.*—

22                           (A) *IN GENERAL.*—Land acquired by the  
23 Secretary under this Act shall become part of the  
24 Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie, Gifford Pinchot or  
25 Wenatchee National Forests, as appropriate.

1           (B) *MODIFICATION OF BOUNDARIES.*—If  
2           any land acquired by the Secretary lies outside  
3           the exterior boundaries of the national forests  
4           identified in subparagraph (A), the boundaries  
5           of the appropriate national forest are hereby  
6           modified to include such land.

7           (C) *MANAGEMENT.*—Land acquired by the  
8           Secretary under this Act shall be managed in ac-  
9           cordance with the Act of March 1, 1911 (com-  
10          monly known as the “Weeks Law”), and with the  
11          other laws, rules, regulations and guidelines ap-  
12          plicable to the National Forest System.

13          (2) *LAND ACQUIRED BY PLUM CREEK.*—Land ac-  
14          quired by Plum Creek under this Act shall become  
15          private land for all purposes of law, unless the deed  
16          by which conveyance is made to Plum Creek contains  
17          a specific reservation.

18          (b) *ACCESS TO LAND ACQUIRED BY PLUM CREEK.*—

19               (1) *FINDING.*—Congress finds that Plum Creek  
20               will generally have adequate post-exchange access to  
21               the selected land over existing primary, secondary, or  
22               other national forest routes, or over existing Plum  
23               Creek roads.

1           (2) *INTENTION.—It is the intention of Congress*  
2           *that Plum Creek have immediate access to all lands*  
3           *it acquired under this Act:*

4                   (A) *ACCESS WITHIN COST SHARE AGREE-*  
5                   *MENT AREAS.—Within Cost Share Construction*  
6                   *and Use Agreement Areas, the United States*  
7                   *shall grant Plum Creek, simultaneous with the*  
8                   *transfer of the selected land to Plum Creek, road*  
9                   *access easements in accordance with the terms*  
10                   *and conditions of said cost share construction*  
11                   *and use agreements for the roads identified on*  
12                   *the map entitled “Plum Creek Access Road*  
13                   *Needs”, dated September 1998.*

14                   (B) *ACCESS OUTSIDE COST SHARE AGREE-*  
15                   *MENT AREAS.—Outside of Cost Share Construc-*  
16                   *tion and Use Agreement Areas, the United States*  
17                   *shall grant Plum Creek, simultaneous with the*  
18                   *transfer of the selected land to Plum Creek, road*  
19                   *access easements in a form set out in Forest*  
20                   *Service Handbook 2709.12, 35, subject to the*  
21                   *Secretary’s rules and regulations 36 CFR 251,*  
22                   *subpart B.*

23           (c) *ACCESS TO LANDS ACQUIRED BY UNITED*  
24           *STATES.—It is the intent of Congress that the Secretary*  
25           *have post-exchange access to the land acquired by the*

1 *United States under this Act. Within Cost Share Construc-*  
2 *tion and Use Agreement Areas, Plum Creek shall grant the*  
3 *Secretary, simultaneous with the transfer of the offered*  
4 *land, road access easements in accordance with the terms*  
5 *and conditions of said Cost Share Construction and Use*  
6 *Agreements. Outside of Cost Share Construction and Use*  
7 *Agreement Areas, Plum Creek shall grant the Secretary, si-*  
8 *multaneous with the transfer of the offered land, road access*  
9 *easements in a format acceptable to the Secretary.*

10 (d) *TIMING.—It is the intent of Congress that the land*  
11 *exchange authorized and directed by this Act be con-*  
12 *summated no later than 90 days after the date on which*  
13 *Plum Creek conveys title acceptable to the Secretary, unless*  
14 *the Secretary and Plum Creek mutually agree to extend the*  
15 *consummation date.*

16 (e) *WITHDRAWAL OF SELECTED LAND.—Effective*  
17 *upon the date of enactment of this Act, all selected land*  
18 *identified for exchange to Plum Creek under Section 4(c)*  
19 *is hereby withdrawn from all forms of entry and appropri-*  
20 *ation under the public land laws (including the mining*  
21 *laws) until such time as the exchange is consummated, or*  
22 *until a particular parcel or parcels are deleted from the*  
23 *exchange under section 5(e).*

24 (f) *WITHDRAWAL OF CLE ELUM RIVER LANDS.—*  
25 *Lands acquired by the Secretary under this Act that are*

1 *located in Township 23 North, Range 14 East, and Town-*  
2 *ship 22 North, Range 14 East, Willamette Meridian, shall*  
3 *upon the date of their acquisition be permanently with-*  
4 *drawn from all forms of entry and appropriation under*  
5 *the public land laws, including the mineral, mineral leasing*  
6 *and hardrock mining laws.*

7 *(g) PARCELS SUBJECT TO HISTORIC OR CULTURAL*  
8 *RESOURCE RESTRICTIONS.—*

9 *(1) REPORT TO PLUM CREEK.—No later than*  
10 *180 days after enactment of this Act, the Secretary*  
11 *shall complete determinations and consultation under*  
12 *the National Historic Preservation Act and submit a*  
13 *report to Plum Creek listing by exact aliquot part de-*  
14 *scription any parcel or parcels of selected land on*  
15 *which use restrictions or mitigation requirements will*  
16 *be imposed. Such report shall include an exact de-*  
17 *scription of each restriction or mitigation action re-*  
18 *quired.*

19 *(2) PLUM CREEK RESPONSE.—Prior to making*  
20 *an offer to exchange under section 4(a) of this Act,*  
21 *Plum Creek shall notify the Secretary as to: (i) those*  
22 *parcels it will accept subject to the identified use re-*  
23 *strictions or mitigation requirements; and (ii) those*  
24 *parcels it will not accept because the restrictions or*

1        *mitigation requirements are deemed by Plum Creek to*  
2        *be an unacceptable encumbrance on the land.*

3            (3) *PARCEL DELETION.—The Secretary shall de-*  
4        *lete from the selected land those parcels identified by*  
5        *Plum Creek as unacceptable for conveyance under*  
6        *paragraph (2).*

7            (4) *APPRAISAL ADJUSTMENT.—The fair market*  
8        *value of any parcels deleted under paragraph (3), or*  
9        *any modification in fair market value caused by the*  
10       *use restrictions or mitigation requirements on land*  
11       *accepted by Plum Creek, shall based on their con-*  
12       *tributory value to the final approved appraised value*  
13       *of the selected land.*